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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of the members of the South Carolina Retail Association (SCRA), I am writing to inform you of SCRA's opposition to **Docket # 2009-489-E**: <a href="http://dms.psc.sc.gov/dockets/dockets.cfc?Method=DocketDetail&DocketID=108991">http://dms.psc.sc.gov/dockets/dockets.cfc?Method=DocketDetail&DocketID=108991</a>. The proposed 10% increase in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs would be an additional expense for our retailer members who would be forced to either cut jobs or pass the higher costs on to consumers in the price of goods.

The South Carolina Retail Association is a statewide trade association comprised of both large and small retailers from multi-state chains to local "Mom and Pops" and all types of merchants. Of course, there are retail store operations in each of the **46 counties**, but the attachment provides an overview of the largest retail employment concentration at our headquarters and/or warehouse operations.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to share our views and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Fran E. Preston

Sincerely.

Executive Director